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Mr. Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 11301(a), are two (2) copies each of three Certificates of Merger, dated March 19, 1998, all secondary documents as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents.

The enclosed documents relate to the Security Agreement which was previously filed with the Board under Recordation Number 21287.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed documents are:

Merged Entities:

Wilmington Trust Company, as trustee of

AFL Trust I, Trust II and Trust III

1100 North Market Street Wilmington, DE 19890

Surviving Entities:

Wilmington Trust Company, as trustee of

Sonoma Trust I, Trust II and Trust III

1100 North Market Street Wilmington, DE 19890

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There is no additional railroad equipment associated with the enclosed Certificates of Merger.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$78.00 payable to the order of the Surface Transportation Board covering the required recordation fee.

Kindly return stamped copies of the enclosed documents to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Alvord

RWA/bg Enclosures CERTIFICATE OF MERGER

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AFL TRUST III

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into

SONOMA TRUST III

dated: March 19, 1998

The undersigned business trust formed and existing under and by virtue of the Delaware Business Trust Act, 12 <u>Del.C.</u> §3801, et seq.,

## DOES HEREBY CERTIFY:

FIRST: The name and jurisdiction of formation or organization of each of the constituent entities which is to merge are as follows:

Name

Jurisdiction of Formation or Organization

Sonoma Trust III

Delaware

AFL Trust III

Delaware

SECOND: An Agreement and Plan of Merger has been approved and executed by Sonoma Trust III and AFL Trust III.

THIRD: The name of the surviving Delaware business trust is Sonoma Trust III.

FOURTH: The merger of AFL Trust III into Sonoma Trust III shall be effective upon the filing of this Certificate of Merger with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware.

FIFTH: The executed Agreement and Plan of Merger is on file at the principal place of business of the surviving Delaware business trust. The address of the principal place of business of the surviving Delaware business trust is c/o Wilmington Trust Company, as trustee, Rodney Square North, 1100 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19890-001, Attn: Corporate Trust Administration.

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SIXTH: A copy of the Agreement and Plan of Merger will be furnished by the surviving Delaware business trust, on request and without cost, to any beneficial owner of AFL Trust III and to any beneficial owner of Sonoma Trust III.

## SONOMA TRUST III

Wilmington Trust Company, not in By: its individual capacity but solely as

as Trustee

By:

Name:

Title:

## State of Delaware

## Office of the Secretary of State

I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF
DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT
COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF MERGER, WHICH MERGES:

"AFL TRUST III", A DELAWARE BUSINESS TRUST,

WITH AND INTO "SONOMA TRUST III" UNDER THE NAME OF "SONOMA TRUST III", A BUSINESS TRUST ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, AS RECEIVED AND FILED IN THIS OFFICE THE NINETEENTH DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 1998, AT 3:30 O'CLOCK P.M.



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Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

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